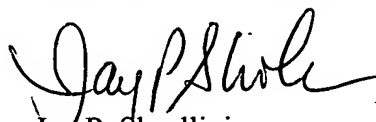


## REMARKS

Headings and subheadings have been added in accord with standard U.S. practice. An Abstract of the Disclosure has been provided on a separate sheet, as required by U.S. practice. Claims have been amended to remove multiple dependencies and otherwise place the claims in acceptable form for allowance.

In light of all of the above, it is submitted that the claims are in order for allowance, and prompt allowance is earnestly requested. Should any issues remain outstanding, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney of record so that the case may proceed expeditiously to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jay P. Sbrrollini", written in a cursive style.

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